

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-521. National Board Certification Reimbursement.

R277-521-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is authorized by:

(a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board;

(b) Section 53A-1-401, which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and

(c) Section 53A-6-114, which requires the Board to make rules to specify procedures and timelines for reimbursing educators for the cost to attain or renew a National Board certification.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to specify procedures and timelines for reimbursing educators for the cost to attain or renew a National Board certification.

R277-521-2. Definitions.

(1) "Eligible educator" means an educator who holds a current National Board certification attained or renewed:

(a) after July 1, 2016; and

(b) while employed as an educator by an LEA in Utah.

(2) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means:

(a) a school district;

(b) a charter school; or

(c) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

(3) "National Board certification" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53A-6-103.

R277-521-3. Application Procedures.

(1) The Superintendent shall establish and maintain an online application system for National Board certification reimbursements.

(2) To receive reimbursement for the costs an eligible educator paid to attain or

renew a National Board certification, an eligible educator shall submit an application through the application system established under Subsection (1).

~~[(3)(a) For fiscal year 2017, the Superintendent shall publicize the date on which applications may be submitted.~~

~~—— (b) For fiscal year 2018 and each succeeding fiscal year, the application window is July 1 to June 30.~~

~~—— (4)(a) Subject to legislative appropriations, the Superintendent shall reimburse eligible educators on a first come, first served basis until funds appropriated for National Board certification reimbursements are exhausted for that fiscal year.~~

~~—— (b) The amount appropriated for National Board certification reimbursements is \$88,300.~~

~~—— (c) If funds are insufficient to reimburse all eligible educators who apply in any given fiscal year, subject to legislative appropriations, the Superintendent shall reimburse eligible educators who did not receive reimbursement the previous fiscal year on a first come, first served basis.~~

~~—— (d) The Superintendent may only reimburse an eligible educator for costs the eligible educator paid to attain or renew a National Board certification.]~~

(3)(a) The Superintendent shall annually determine the number of eligible educators based on legislative appropriations and costs associated with obtaining national board reimbursement.

(b) The Superintendent shall reimburse eligible educators on a first come, first served basis.

(4) The Superintendent may not reimburse an eligible educator for costs incurred in obtaining or renewing national board certification that were previously paid or reimbursed to the educator by a third party.

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